

-Workshop Notice-

**The CALFED Science Program
is announcing a workshop:**

**Implications of New Scientific Information for Environmental Water Account use in 2006
and an Update on Bay-Delta Science Related to Long Term EWA Decisions**

December 7, 2005 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

December 8, 2005 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**California Employment Development Department
Main Auditorium
800 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Background Information:

The CALFED Science Program will host a workshop on the Environmental Water Account on December 7 and 8, 2005. In the past, the Science Program has conducted a formal EWA review session each year involving a 12 person technical review panel convened in 2001. This year's effort will differ from past annual EWA reviews in that it will focus more narrowly on biological science related to the EWA and not involve a review panel. The EWA technical review panel has been dissolved; however, four former panel members have agreed to participate along with local experts in this workshop.

The workshop will focus on the issues of export effects relative to EWA on sensitive fish populations, specifically delta smelt. The workshop will also address the implications of this scientific information on the Environmental Water Account and how this information would affect EWA operations in the near term, with emphasis on year 2006. The Science Program and EWA implementing agencies will report on the status of actions in response to previous EWA review panel recommendations for improving EWA related science and seek guidance on how more progress can be achieved.

Workshop Purpose:

The overall workshop format is designed to facilitate communication among the attendees, including four former members of the EWA review panel. Equipment will be provided to enable material to be presented by attendees during facilitated discussion of the following topics:

- EWA actions in 2005 – Conceptual models and effects observed.
- The latest analyses by the IEP Pelagic Organism Decline team of factors that may be causing the decline in abundance of open water species of fish and other organisms.

- Implications of the decline and information as to its potential causes for resource management in the Bay-Delta.
- Implications of this new information for EWA implementing agencies' decisions on 2006 EWA actions.
- Relevant analyses/models for assessing salmon and delta smelt population level effects of EWA uses and data gaps constraining those assessments.
- Status of Science Program and EWA implementing agencies' actions responding to previous review panel recommendations for improving EWA-related science supporting decisions about long-term implementation of the EWA.

Each of the outside experts will provide a short written summary of his conclusions and recommendations and the CALFED Science Program will produce a workshop summary report.

For More Information:

- Although registration for this workshop is not required, we strongly encourage all potential attendees to contact Sheila Green at sgreen@water.ca.gov and get placed on the "Visitor List" to expedite security procedures.
- An agenda and background material will be posted to the CALFED Science Program website (<http://science.calwater.ca.gov/>) by November 23, 2005.
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Colleen Kirtlan, California Bay-Delta Program at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.